



# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN

Ann Arbor | Michigan

JULY 15, 2018

THE CHURCH AT WORSHIP

9:30 a.m.

## 🌿 Gathering 🌿

LIFE IN THE CHURCH

Rev. Sanderford

**CALL TO WORSHIP** Psalm 19:1–2

One: The heavens are telling the glory of God;

**All: and the firmament proclaims his handiwork.**

One: Day to day pours forth speech,

**All: and night to night declares knowledge.**

One: Come, let us worship God!

\* HYMN

*How Great Thou Art*

STORE GUD

O Lord, my God, when I in awesome wonder  
consider all the worlds thy hands have made,  
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,  
thy power throughout the universe displayed.

*Refrain* Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee:  
How great thou art! How great thou art!  
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When through the woods and forest glades I wander  
and hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees,  
when I look down from lofty mountain grandeur  
and hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze. *Refrain*

And when I think that God, his Son not sparing,  
sent him to die, I scarce can take it in,  
that on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,  
he bled and died to take away my sin. *Refrain*

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation  
and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!  
Then I shall bow in humble adoration,  
and there proclaim, “My God, how great thou art!” *Refrain*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, you made us in your image, with a mind to know you, a heart to love you, and a will to serve you. But our knowledge is imperfect, our love inconstant, our obedience incomplete. Day by day, we fail to grow into your likeness. In your tender love, forgive us through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

from *The Worship Sourcebook*

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## ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

### \* PASSING OF THE PEACE

*You are invited to share the peace we experience as forgiven people. Greet one another saying, "The peace of Christ be with you," and respond, "And also with you."*

### \* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

**Gloria, gloria, in excelsis Deo! Gloria, gloria, alleluia, alleluia!**

## Proclaiming

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Mary McKeever

### OLD TESTAMENT READING Job 38:1–7

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

### A CONVERSATION WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

*Children through grade five are invited forward.*

### NEW TESTAMENT READING Matthew 6:25–34

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

### SERMON

Rev. Koenig-Reinke

## Responding

### \* HYMN

*God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens*

HOLY MANNA

**God, who stretched the spangled heavens infinite in time and place,  
flung the suns in burning radiance through the silent fields of space,  
we, your children in your likeness, share inventive powers with you.  
Great Creator, still creating, show us what we yet may do.**

**Proudly rise our modern cities, stately buildings row on row.  
Yet their windows, blank, unfeeling, stare on canyoned streets below,  
where the lonely drift unnoticed in the city's ebb and flow,  
lost to purpose and to meaning, scarcely caring where they go.**

**We have ventured worlds undreamed of since the childhood of our race;  
known the ecstasy of winging through untraveled realms of space;  
probed the secrets of the atom, yielding unimagined power,  
facing us with life's destruction or our most triumphant hour.**

**As each far horizon beckons, may it challenge us anew,  
children of creative purpose, serving others, honoring you.  
May our dreams prove rich with promise, each endeavor well begun.  
Great Creator, give us guidance till our goals and yours are one.**

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### WELCOME

Rev. Dr. Fair

*Please sign the Friendship Pad and pass it to others sitting nearby.*

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## OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

### Offertory

## SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

*In keeping with the reverence of worship, photos may be taken after the service.*

Scott and Amanda Blackburn present their daughter, Sophia Lynn Blackburn, born September 28, 2017, for baptism.

Julija Stelmokas and Pirro Cipi present their daughter, Emilija Anastasia Cipi, born March 8, 2018, for baptism.

### \* Affirmation of Faith *The Apostles' Creed*

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## Thanksgiving over the Water and Baptism

**Hymn** *Child of Blessing, Child of Promise* KINGDOM

**Child of blessing, child of promise, baptized with the Spirit's sign,  
With this water God has sealed you unto love and grace divine.**

**Child of love, our love's expression, love's creation, loved indeed!  
Fresh from God, refresh our spirits, into joy and laughter lead.**

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.**

## Sending

\* **HYMN** *Morning Has Broken* BUNESSAN

**Morning has broken like the first morning,  
blackbird has spoken like the first bird.  
Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning!  
Praise for them, springing fresh from the Word!**

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\* **CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

\* **CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

**Mine is the sunlight! Mine is the morning  
born of the one light Eden saw play!  
Praise with elation, praise every morning,  
God's re-creation of the new day!**

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\* Please rise in body or spirit.

Those parts of the service of worship in which the congregation participates in word or song are noted in **bold type**. **Large-print bulletins** are available from the ushers.

**Welcome to all!** Please know that all, including visitors and newcomers, are invited to share in the life of the church. A full description of church events is online at [www.firstpresbyterian.org](http://www.firstpresbyterian.org). If you have questions, please visit the **Welcome Center**, just outside the Social Hall. Greeting you there today are Susan Cares and Michele Madden. **The Church Office** is staffed by Robin Agnew. **Greeters** are Carol Fletcher and Nancy and Gary Oliver (9:30) and Lynne Lande and Judy Landau (11:00). **Sound system volunteers** are Kathy and Kurt Hillig (8:00) and Chase Colligan (9:30). **Ushers** are Bill Austin (head) and Martin Reineman (8:00); Bill Austin (head), Barry and Jeanette Swartz, Angela Yang, and Keith and Sheila Bilby (9:30); and Bill Austin (head) and Chris Wahl and Linda Lampman (11:00). **The prayer team** is available for those desiring prayer in the Vance Room after the 9:30 service and in the Welcome Center after the 11:00 service. Prayer team members are Jeanette Kibler and Nancy Oliver (9:30) and Gail Grady and Marolin Bellefleur (11:00). Following the 8:00 service a minister is available for prayer at the Communion Table. "When you pray, rather let your heart be without words than your words without heart." – John Bunyan

**Chancel flowers** are given in loving memory of Jerry Jernigan by Carey Jernigan.

**TODAY'S EVENTS**

**Worship** is at 8:00 and 11:00 a.m. in Monteith Hall and at 9:30 a.m. on the Front Lawn. **Radio Worship is broadcast at 11:00 a.m.**, on WAAM (1600 AM) and on the web ([www.waamradio.com](http://www.waamradio.com)).

**Join us for Coffee Hour** on the Circle Terrace, or in the Social Hall in case of inclement weather, immediately following the 9:30 a.m. worship service. Fresh fruit is provided by Catherine Kendall and Nancy Fox.

**Children's Ministry Opportunities:**

**Childcare** is available for infants, toddlers, and preschoolers at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. **A combined Sunday School class** is offered for children, grades K-5, at 9:30 a.m.

**Adult Education Opportunities:**

**ConnectEd** is an opportunity to gather after worship and discuss the theme of that morning's service and the summer books, *Credo* and *The Book of Joy*. Discussion will focus on the day's scripture, books, sermon, or music. ConnectEd meets for open conversation from 10:45 – 11:30 a.m. in the French Room/Library. A skilled facilitator guides the discussion.

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Celebrate Tom and Doris Granum on Sunday, July 29, their final Sunday at First Pres.** Our Director of Music Ministries for six years, Tom has accepted the position Director of Music Ministries and Organist, Mulberry Street United Methodist Church, Macon, Georgia. Help us honor and say farewell to the Granums at the July 29<sup>th</sup> Coffee Hour. If you would like to contribute to a purse for the Granums, checks made out to First Presbyterian Church with "Granums" on the memo line may be brought or sent to the Finance Office. Cards and notes may also be dropped off in the Church Office.

**Mature Singles** meet this Friday, July 20, at Panda House, 229 North Maple Road, at 5:30 p.m. All are welcome.

**Our Campus Ministry, UKirk@UMich**, is enjoying a summer break from regular activities. If you are a college or graduate student here this summer, please contact Revs. McGowan or Buckley at [campus@firstpresbyterian.org](mailto:campus@firstpresbyterian.org). We would love to be in touch and invite you to special gatherings!

**Finding joy, meaning, and purpose in a world that is often filled with suffering, doubt, and loneliness is the heart of our 2018 First Pres Summer Book Read.** Two accessible books, *Credo* by William Sloan Coffin (\$11) and *The Book of Joy: Lasting Happiness in a Changing World* by the Dalai Lama and Desmond Tutu (\$17), will be our guides for worship, conversation, and mindful exploration of the contours of a world filled with suffering and the resources of our Christian faith. Books may be purchased online or in the Church Office.

**Volunteers are needed to provide fresh fruit for a healthier Coffee Hour this summer.** If you are able to bring fruit (washed, cut up, ready to eat), please email Sandy Talbott ([stalbott@firstpresbyterian.org](mailto:stalbott@firstpresbyterian.org)), indicating the Sunday(s) you would like to volunteer, or sign up online.

**Restore Hope**, a support group for families coping with mental illness, meets the second and fourth Tuesdays of every month. Join us anytime you feel the need to talk with others who understand the unique challenges of caring for someone in your family who is struggling with chronic concerns. Join us in Room LL4 at 7:00 p.m. on July 24. For more information, contact Rev. Rogers.

**All are invited to tour the 2018 Habitat House of Faith** this Tuesday, July 17. Carpools will be formed and will leave from the church parking lot at 5:15 p.m. RSVP to Don Redding ([dredding58@yahoo.com](mailto:dredding58@yahoo.com); 276-8426).

**The Ann Arbor Art Fair** begins this week. Parking will be allowed as usual on Hill Street and Washtenaw Avenue next Sunday, July 22. First Pres youth will sell our parking spaces to the public beginning at 11:10 a.m. to raise money for youth mission. If you are able to park in the Republic Parking Structure at 650 South Forest Avenue (only one block from the church) that day, thank you! Free garage vouchers for Sunday, July 22, for all who want to enjoy the fair after worship are available in the Church Office today through Friday, July 20.

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**Do you enjoy taking pictures?** We have a need for individuals who can take photographs of children and their parents on Baptism Sundays. Proud parents and cooing children, expectant of the joy that comes on baptism day, are always photogenic. Help us capture this moment in a child's life. If you are interested email Rev. Rogers (mrogers@firstpresbyterian.org).

**Is the world too loud for you?** Are you looking for time to meditate contemplate, and grow in faith? Our next 24-hour Silent Retreat at St. Augustine's House, Oxford, is the weekend of September 27–28. Cost is \$45, payable to First Pres two weeks before the retreat. Contact Rev. Annette Fraser (nnttfraser@gmail.com) for more information.

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